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11 February 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Security Clearances for Congressional Staff Personnel

1. Secretary Laird in his letter to you of 28 January 1970 (Tab A) concluded by stating that Mr. Froehke had been informed of your letter to Laird of 14 January 1970 (Tab B) and would serve as the OSD point of contact if we decided to pursue the matter further.

2. Accordingly we recommend that the undersigned jointly call on Mr. Froehke and

a. state the Agency's position as follows:

(1) our immediate concern with congressional staff clearances centers on compartmented clearances;

(2) the Agency has been serving, and is prepared to continue serving, as the intelligence community's office of record for compartmented clearances;

(3) the Agency is in no position to assume similar responsibilities regarding Secret and Top Secret clearances.

b. suggest to Mr. Froehke that, in line with Secretary Laird's letter to you of 28 January, a representative of OSD bring the problem to the attention of someone in the White House--possibly Mr. Harlow or Mr. Timmons--and suggest

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they, or perhaps the President, may wish to stress to appropriate members of the Congress the importance of limiting security clearances of congressional staff personnel, and of carefully observing classification restrictions at all times.



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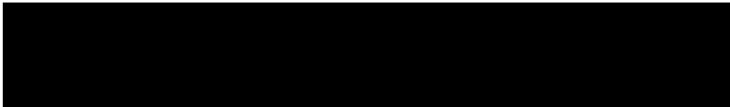
SUBJECT: Security Clearances for Congressional
Staff Personnel

1. This memorandum responds to your request during a meeting several weeks ago with Mr. Osborn and me on the above subject, and supplements Mr. Osborn's memorandum to you of 14 January 1970.

2. We have now reviewed all of the security clearances of congressional staff personnel with whom we deal on classified matters. We find that 35 of these individuals no longer qualify on a "need to know" basis. This leaves a total of 146 clearances which we recommend remain in effect. Of these, 47 are for access to compartmented information. With one exception, all of this group of 47 are employed by various committee staffs. The exception is William C. Lewis, Jr., Administrative Assistant on the personal staff of Senator Margaret Chase Smith.

3. The 146 clearances which we recommend remain in effect are, I believe, the minimum number consistent with presidential instructions that Federal agencies "make certain that everything possible is done to maintain the integrity of classified information and that all persons having access to classified material have been fully cleared through appropriate procedures." (President Johnson's memorandum dated 16 February 1968.)

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cc: Mr. Osborn

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14 January 1970


MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Security Clearance Procedures for
Congressional Staff Members

1. I hope that the attached resume is responsive to your requirement established by you in a meeting you and I had with Mr. John Maury, Legislative Counsel, some weeks ago. We tried to condense a longer version which was forwarded to you originally into a form which would be meaningful and useful for you to send the Secretary of Defense under an appropriate covering letter.

2. This has been worked and reworked. I have sent a copy of the attachment to Mr. Maury for his information.

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Director of Security

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